

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY - ORIGINAL APPLICATION

Attorney's Docket No.  
**81094716**

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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor or an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which is attached hereto.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification identified above, including the claims.

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☐ no such applications have been filed, or☒ such applications have been filed as follows:☐ I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below

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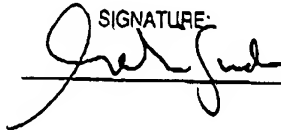
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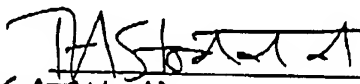
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